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In re application of

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Appln. No. 09/940,510

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING THE LIFE OF A ROLLING BEARING, ROLLING BEARING SELECTION APPARATUS USING THE LIFE PREDICTION APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

NSK Technical Journal No. 655 is disclosed on page 4 in the specification for the above-identified application.

NSK Technical Journal No. 652 is disclosed on page 9 in the specification for the above-identified application.

ASTM STP 1195, J.J.C. Hoo, Ed., 1993 is disclosed on page 5 in the specification for the above-identified application.

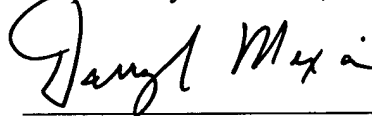
Japan Tribology Conference is accompanied by an English language translation.

ASME transactions, Journal of Tribology is accompanied by an English language translation.

Beiblatt (1993) is accompanied by an English language translation.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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